

Feedback from February 26, 2015 Allied Site Public Meeting
Poster Sessions
“Connections & Access”

Poster Board Comments:

- Is there stormwater/manhole cover on the site – existing?
- How long would the cap last? 100 yrs?
- Trail along the railroad
- Plantings – willow trees/flowering trees
- Plantings along the trail that specifically attract butterflies
- Give kids jobs to take care of the park – give the ownership of the place and their pride

Sticky-Note Comments:

- When kids recycle, let their items go to the site for the actual furnishings on the trail.
- Make benches, etc... out of recycled items
- Storytelling about wildlife & nature along the trail
- “Clean 4 Kalamazoo Youth”
- Youth Programs
- Recycling Center
- If this site is successful, then it can become a model for other cities
- High schools creates the kiosks on the trail for education
- All opportunities should be made possible for the blind!
- Educational opportunities – kiosk to learn about fish in Portage Creek
- Connection to museum & nature center
- Canoeing launch/Kayaking
- WMU blind school connection
- Alcott Goodwill bus stop w/ shelter
- Let them be involved in the analysis and the connectivity with the rest of the City of Kalamazoo
- Bus stop on Burdick 2
- Butterfly garden on the trail
- Wildlife preserve
- A transformative project – kids create a timeline from what it was to what it will become
- Teaching the environmental aspect can be life changing for youth to be involved in their city.